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SOME AREAS OF INQUIRY FOR HEARINGS - 1959  
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A. Soviet Military Capabilities and Strategy

1. What is known about Soviet development and production of small nuclear weapons?
2. What do we know about Soviet missile capabilities?
3. To what extent is surprise attack a probable method of Soviet aggression? What kind of surprise attack is most likely from the point of view of Soviet-Sino strategy against Asia? Against Europe? Against the U. S.?
4. What aspects of new developments in weapons technology in the Soviet Union are anticipated in the near future?

B. Attitudes of Other Nations toward use of nuclear weapons in defense

1. The smallest nuclear weapon is considered more powerful than the largest conventional weapons of World War II. Can you give any information regarding the extent to which the discrepancy in size makes a distinction inevitable in the minds of people between nuclear and non-nuclear weapons?
2. What information do you have regarding the attitude of other countries toward the desirability of employing nuclear weapons in the defense of their country?

C. Role of Communist China in Arms Control Plans

1. What are some of the political and strategic implications in Asian countries of bringing Communist China into more direct participation in arms control discussions and measures?
2. What information is available regarding the policy of the Soviet Union toward aiding Communist China in any way in the nuclear weapons field? What information is available regarding the attitude of Communist China toward receiving aid, or developing nuclear weapons?

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D. Relationship of Arms Control to European Security

1. What is the intelligence estimate of the conditions under which the Soviet Union would agree to a reunified Germany?
2. To what extent do the Soviets plan to withdraw part or all of their troops from Eastern Europe? Under what conditions?
3. What are the implications within satellite countries of a withdrawal of Soviet troops from Eastern Europe?
4. From what we know about Soviet policy what would be the political and strategic significance of a ground inspection system in Western and Eastern Europe including the Soviet Union?
5. What is the attitude of Western European countries toward the stationing of U. S. troops on their territory in the event U. S. troops were withdrawn from Germany?